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SUBJ: ROMANIAN PROTEST OVER NEW YORK DEMONSTRATIONS

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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PACOSTE CORNERED EMBOFF (CONNELL)
AT JULY 20 COLOMBIA RECEPTION AND LAUNCHED INTO HALF-HOUR
ANIMATED PROTEST OVER JULY 18 DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF
ROMANIAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK. PACOSTE SAID MFA HAD
RECEIVED REPORT FROM MISSION WHICH CLAIMED THAT DEMONSTRATORS
HAD KICKED DOOR AT MISSION (IN VI
RATION OF LQP-FOOT RULE)
AND THAT SINGLE NEW YORK POLICE OFFICIAL THERE HAD ACTIVELY
ENCOURAGED DEMONSTRATORS BY "WAVING THEM ON." PACOSTE
ADDED THAT ONCE AGAIN THREATS AGAINST THE LIVES OF ROMANIAN
DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN SHOUTED, AS WELL AS "GROTESQUE" INSULTS
TO ROMANIAN HEAD OF STATE. ACCORDING TO PACOSTE NYPD DID
NOT FURNISH ADEQUATE PROTECTION IN SPITE OF REPEATED
REQUESTS OF ROMANIAN MISSION. PACOSTE SAID THAT IF THIS
CONTINUED GOR WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST OFFICIAL POLICE
PROTECTION; ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS COULD NO LONGER PERFORM
THEIR DANCTIONS IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE. WHILE GOR REALIZED
THAT U.S. COULD NOT HALT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS,1DIT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW DEMONSTRATORS COULD BE
ALLOWED TO VIOLATE U.S. LAW, I.E., THE 110-FOOT RULE,
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AND SEEMED ENCOURAGED TO DO SO BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.9

PACOSTE SAID HE REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT NYPD COULD NOT PROTECT ROMANIAN MISSION, IF THEY WANTED TO DO SO, JUST AS HE REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT TWO SAILORS COULD DISAPPEAR AND NOT BE LOCATED FOR SUCH A LONG TIME. AFTER SPEAKING AGAINST TERRORISM IN UN, U.S. SEEMED TO QBE ENCOURAGING IT AT HOMUM

2. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS COULD NOT BE EQUATED WITH TERRORISM, BUT WE UNDERSTOOD GOR CONCERN, IF, IN FACT, DEMONSTRATORS HAD VIOLATED APPGDCABLE LGKCL STATUTES. EMBASSY HAD JSLT BZUN INFORMED OF JULY 18 DEMONSTRATION AND FACTS IN THE CASE WERE BEING INVESTIGATED.

3. PACOSTE SHRUGGED AND REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT FIRST TIME SUCH VIOLATIONS HAD OCCURRED AND SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GOR DID NOT LINK THIS PROBLEM TO GENERAL STATE OF U.S.- ROMANIAN RELATIONS WHICH WERE GOOD, BUT HE HOPED THAT IN FUTURE APPLICABLE U.S. LAWS WOULD BE ENFORCED AND NYPD WOULD PROVE MORE RESPONSIVE. HE DEPARTED IN A MUCH LESS AGITATED FRAME OF MIND THAN AT OUTSET OF CONVERSATION.
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